

CANCER BURDEN

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,268,000 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 14,300 in Colorado.
- 553,400 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 6,200 in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Colorado: 141.2 **National:** 168.3

Colorado ranks 49th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,600 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Colorado.
- 1,500 men and women will die of lung cancer in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Colorado	National
Overall	34.7	48.7
White	34.8	48.5
Black	41.4	58.4
Hispanic	22.9	19.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	19.7	23.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	23.5	30.6

BREAST CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,100 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Colorado.
- 400 women will die of breast cancer in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Colorado	National
Overall	20.0	24.2
White	20.1	23.8
Black	28.6	30.9
Hispanic	13.6	14.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	11.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	12.5

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,500 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Colorado.
- 600 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Colorado	National
Overall	14.2	16.9
White	14.2	16.4
Black	17.3	22.6
Hispanic	12.0	10.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.9	10.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10.8

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,100 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Colorado.
- 300 men will die of prostate cancer in Colorado.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 men, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Colorado	National
Overall	21.4	23.7
White	21.2	21.7
Black	40.8	52.1
Hispanic	17.7	15.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	9.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	13.4

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2001. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2001. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1993–1997.

³ Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1994–1998.

⁴ Some data were excluded because there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.